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Report of Main Committee III

Establishment and terms of reference

1. Under rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the Conference established Main Committee III as one of its three Main Committees and decided to allocate to it the following items for its consideration (see document NPT/CONF.2010/1).

Item 16. Review of the operation of the Treaty, as provided for in its article VIII (3), taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference and the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference:

(d) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to the inalienable right of all Parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with articles I and II:

(ii) Articles III (3) and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5;

(iii) Article V;

(e) Other provisions of the Treaty.

Item 17. Role of the Treaty in the promotion of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and of nuclear disarmament in strengthening international peace and security and measures aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Treaty and achieving its universality.

2. Pursuant to rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the Conference also approved the establishment of Subsidiary Body 3 under Main Committee III to address agenda item 16 (e), "Other provisions of the Treaty". Additionally, the Conference decided that institutional issues also would be considered by Subsidiary Body 3. The Conference also decided that the Subsidiary Body would be open-ended and that the meetings of the Subsidiary Body would be held in private. It further decided that Subsidiary Body 3 would hold at least four meetings within the overall time allocated to the Main Committee and that the outcome of its work would be

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reflected in the report of Main Committee III to the Conference (NPT/CONF.2010/DEC.1).

Officers of the Committee

3. The Conference elected Ambassador Takeshi Nakane (Japan) as the Chairman of the Committee and Ambassador Atilla Zimonyi (Hungary) and Ambassador Alfredo Labbe (Chile) as Vice-Chairmen.

4. Subsidiary Body 3 was chaired by Ambassador José Luis Cancela (Uruguay).

Documents before Main Committee III

5. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Background and conference papers

NPT/CONF.2010/1	Final report of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 NPT Review Conference
NPT/CONF.2010/2	Eighth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Chile
NPT/CONF.2010/3	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Austria
NPT/CONF.2010/9	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2010/13	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Poland
NPT/CONF.2010/16	Activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency relevant to article IV of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2010/17	Note verbale dated 8 April 2010 from the Permanent Missions of Australia and Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Conference
NPT/CONF.2010/19	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Algeria
NPT/CONF.2010/21	Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Ukraine

NPT/CONF.2010/27	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by New Zealand
NPT/CONF.2010/28	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by the Russian Federation (submitted in Russian and English for reference)
NPT/CONF.2010/41	Note verbale dated 6 May 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
NPT/CONF.2010/45	United States information pertaining to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.1	Multilateral nuclear supply principles of the Zangger Committee: working paper submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America as members of the Zangger Committee
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.2	Working paper prepared by Ukraine and the Russian Federation regarding recommendations on the procedures for, and consequences of, possible exercise by a State of the right to withdraw from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.3	Repatriation of all Russian-origin fresh highly enriched uranium as well as spent fuel from Romania: working paper submitted by Romania and the Russian Federation
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.5/Rev.1 and Add.1	Proposed elements by for a final document of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on strengthening the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards: working

	paper submitted by Japan, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Uruguay
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.7	Multilateral approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle: working paper submitted by Sweden
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.13 and Add.1	Proposed elements for the final document of the 2010 Review Conference on strengthening the technical cooperation activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency: working paper submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.15	Articles III (3) and IV, and the sixth and seventh preambular paragraphs, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and the fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs (nuclear safety): working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden ("the Vienna Group of Ten")
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.18	Articles III (3) and IV, and the sixth and seventh preambular paragraphs, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and the fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs (approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle): working paper by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden ("the Vienna Group of Ten")
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.19	Articles III (3) and IV, and the sixth and seventh preambular paragraphs, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and the fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs (cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy): working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden ("the Vienna Group of Ten")
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.20	Article III and the fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs, especially in their relationship to article IV and the sixth and seventh preambular paragraphs (physical protection and illicit trafficking): working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the

	Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden ("the Vienna Group of Ten")
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.22	A shared vision for nuclear power development and international nuclear energy cooperation: working paper submitted by the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.25	Security assurances: working paper submitted by Algeria
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.27	The right to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by Algeria
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.30	Working paper on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy submitted by the Lebanese Republic on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States to the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.34	Responsible development of nuclear energy: initiatives by France: working paper submitted by France
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.38	Proposal by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (the Vienna Group of Ten)
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.39	Arab position regarding issues before the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper on disarmament submitted by the Lebanese Republic on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.42	Other provisions of the Treaty, including article X: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.46	Working paper submitted by the members of the Group of Non-Aligned States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.53	Peaceful research, production and use of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.59	Article IV of the Treaty: nuclear energy for peaceful purposes

NPT/CONF.2010/WP.60	European Union international cooperation to support peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper presented by Spain on behalf of the European Union
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.65	Peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by China
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.70	Nuclear power development: meeting the world's energy needs and fulfilling article IV: working paper submitted by Canada, France and the Republic of Korea
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.71	Working paper on supporting the beneficial, sustainable, safe and secure development of nuclear energy, submitted by Belgium, Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Morocco, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America (list of sponsors as of 12 May 2010, to be complemented)
NPT/CONF.2010/WP.73	Note verbale dated 17 May 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Conference

(b) Documents submitted to Main Committee III

NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/WP.1	Chairman's working paper: Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/WP.2	Chairman's working paper: Subsidiary Body 3
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/INF/1	Draft programme of work: 10-28 May 2010 — Main Committee III and Subsidiary Body III
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/CRP.1	Draft indicative timetable: Main Committee III and Subsidiary Body III
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/CRP.2	Report of Main Committee III: Chairman's draft on substantive elements
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/CRP.3	Report of Main Committee III: revised Chairman's draft on substantive elements
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/CRP.4	Chairman's revised draft report of Main Committee III

(c) Documents submitted to Subsidiary Body III

NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/SB.3/CRP.1	Revised draft report of Subsidiary Body III
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/SB.3/CRP.1/Rev.1	Revised draft report of Subsidiary Body III

Work of the Committee

5. The Committee held 10 meetings and the Subsidiary Body held 4 meetings from 10 to 24 May 2010. An account of the discussions is contained in the relevant summary records (NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/SR___). Subsidiary Body 3 held 4 meetings from 11 to 24 May. As the meetings of Subsidiary Body 3 were closed meetings, there are no official records of those meetings. (Main Committee III and Subsidiary Body 3 also held informal meetings and consultations during those periods.) The Chairman of Main Committee III was assisted by the Vice-Chairmen in coordinating the informal consultations convened to examine various proposals and documents submitted to the Committee. After an item-by-item consideration of the agenda items allocated to it, the Committee, both at its formal and at its informal meetings, proceeded to a detailed discussion of the proposals and documents before it. The various views expressed and the proposals made are reflected in the summary records of the Committee and in the working papers submitted to it. Those summary records and working papers form an integral part of the report of the Committee to the Conference.

6. The Main Committee focused on articles III (3) and IV, and the sixth and seventh preambular paragraphs of the Treaty, and the Subsidiary Body focused on articles IX and X of the Treaty, and institutional issues. No consensus was reached.